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TAB ON COMPANIES LIKELY TO AFFECT UTILITY DECISIONS

**New Commissioners Expect** to Check Up on Management of Corporations.

EXPERT OUTLINES PLAN FOR POTOMAC POWER CO.

Declares \$6,000,000 Must Be Spent in Next Ten Years to Keep Pace With City Growth.

Utility rate decisions to be rendered hereafter by the Public Utilities Commission may be affected to a large extent by a close watch which the commission expects to keep on the management of the several public service corporations operating in the

If the new members of the commission, Commissioners Rudolph and Oyster, have entered office with one olearly established policy as to utilities it is that the business management of the companies has a vital relation to the question of rates, and it is a factor which should not be ignored by the commission in considering appeals for relief. Want to Reveal Facts.

They believe the public should not be made to pay for bad management and that if the corporations get into difficulties through lack of efficient operating methods the fact should be established and the utilities rather than the public made to stand the

In other words, they would place upon the owners of public utilities the responsibility of selecting officials who can operate the companies economically. They would not require the public to bolster up dividends where the returns would have been normal and reasonable had efficient operating methods been in vogue.

Testifies Before Bate Hearing for Potomac Electric Company.

The present rate for lighting current to households is 8½ cents per kilowatt hour, and will go back to 8 cents on April 1, unless the commission acts in the meantime. There would be reductions in the schedules for wholesale users on April 1 if a would be reductions in the schedules creases in the personnel will be an-for wholesale users on April 1 if a nounced within the next few weeks new order is not issued.

Col. Peter Junkersfeld, consulting has cut its forces approximately 16 engineer of Stone & Webster, Incorport per cent.

engineer of Stone & Webster, Incorporated, who recently made a survey of the company's plant, told the commission that the above figures will have to be spent between now and 1930 to permit the company to meet the demand for service.

Point to Show Need. The point of the testimony was to show that the company will have to be allowed a higher rate of return on the value of its property in order to attract the necessary capital to carry out the extension program.

The witness said he found it would be better for the company to extend the Benning power station than to build a new station elsewhere. He characterized it as one of the most efficient plants for its size and age

in the country. in the country.

In estimating the amount the company must spend in the next ten years Col. Junkersfeld figured the average increase in the company's output of current at 4,000 kilowatts a year.

A new generator will be needed at the Benning plant in 1923, the witness said, and another in 1928. A new switch gear that would cost \$500,000 also is needed, he said.

Outlines Extensive rPogram. The extension program for ten years, as outlined by the witness, fol-

In 1921, expend \$576,000; 1922, \$587,000; 1923, \$1,181.000; 1924, \$380.000;
1925, \$965,000; 1926, \$394,000; 1927,
\$511,000; 1928, \$1,256,000; 1929, \$211,000, and 1930, \$267,000. This gives a
total of \$6,328,000, and represents only the actual cost of construction work at present prices, with no allowance for the general corporate expenses incident to the development.

The witness estimated the output of the power company at 230,000,000

engineer stated that it is more economical to have one power plant to develop current for the Washington Railway and Electric and the Potomac Electric Power companies than if each company had a separate plant.

Third: The enactment of emergency tariff legislation later to replace the embargoes, because the President is reluctant to use war powers any each company had a separate plant. Chairman Kutz of the commission questioned the witness as to whether the railway company is getting all the advantages of the joint plant. The chairman asked the witness if he did not feel that in such a joint use the companies should share equally in the advantages of a single

Suggests Benefit for Public.

The witness replied it might not always be true that each company would share equally.

Attorney Yellott, for the company, suggested that since probably 100 per cent of the users of current are riders on street cars, whatever benefits result from joint operation go to the public in any event.

Make believes street make it look as if he would favor the enactment of the Fordney favor the enactment of

col. Junkersfeld then presented considerable testimony as to the rates at which securities are selling in various parts of the country to show that a substantial rate of return on a property is needed now in order to borrow money.

In telling of the plans for developing the power plant here, he said the ing that stands out in the events of the last two days is that agriculture has forced its way to the front, and that the Harding administration, which pledged itself to help the farmer, is trying to make good that pledge.

Misses That \$12,000,

As Correspondent
Josephus Daniels was back at
the Navy Department today, but
to ask, not to answer questions.
Joining the group of Washington correspondents at the regular press conference with Secretary Denby, Mr. Daniels fired a
few questions at his successor,
hoping for a "story" for his paper, the Raleigh (N. C.) News
and Observer, They produced no
results, so the former Secretary
described feelingly to Mr.
Denby the natural advantages
of Raleigh for a fleet base or
naval air station or almost anything like that.

"After an eight-year vacation
in Washington as Secretary of
the Navy," Mr. Daniels said to
Mr. Denby, "I am a plain country newspaper editor scratching gravel to get an honest living. I think I am going to miss
that \$12,000 a year."

"After two weeks on your old
job I have a very well defined
idea of what kind of a vacation
you had," Secretary Denby replied. As Correspondent

400 ARE "LAID OFF"

March.

ped during the past two days.

Shops Hardest Hit.

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The forces hardest hit in the layoff are those employed in the shops,
where approximately 200 were dropped from the pay roll. The savings
in the efficiency of the operating personnels of the public utilities.

It is likely suggestions will be
given the companies from time to
time regarding possible economies in
management. These may be made informally in hearings or otherwise, but
they will be made with the desire by
the commission that the companies
shall show a spirit of co-operation

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where approximately 200 were dropped from the pay roll. The savings
effected by the decrease in personnelcannot be accurately judged, according to officials, on account of the
large number of unskilled laborers
included in the "daily turnover"
classification. Estimates show, however, that the monthly savings will
be found between the figures quoted,
with the leaning toward the higher
estimate.

The outcommittee to take care of all the incoming republican senators as well as
the old members, the committees in the old members of the major committees is fifteen.

There was a considerable contest
over vacancies on the Senate foreign
relations committee. All the old members of the major committees will
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necessity for retrenchment and from the more infrequent use of equip-

"Our equipment is in fair shape," one official stated. "The shops are

growth of the city, according to testimony presented at the opening of the hearing today on the petition of the company for continuation of the existing rates for current.

President and Cabinet Talk of Use of War Powers. Farm Financing.

cifically these methods of relief: have gone in recent months. finance farming industries. Conferences are planned between Secretaries Hower and Wallace of the skies in the contellation taries Hoover and Wallace of the of Capricornus.

Commerce and Agricultural depart

longer than necessary and a tariff wall is considered much more scien-tific than an embargo in controlling the influx of foreign commodities.

From present indications the embargo will be used as a stop-gap until the tax bill has been considered by Congress and that body is ready to tackle tariff legislation.

The been tomorrow.

The been tomorrow.

Russia signs treaty to pay Poland 30,000,000 gold rubles.

Page 2

Municipal examining board for naming teachers of schools is suggested.

Page 2 ness replied it might not al-true that each company made to Mr. Harding which for the Chairman Kutz, who believes street car riders should pay the cost of running the cars and electric light users the cost of that service, called Mr. Yellott's attention to the case of a large concern that has an electric bill of thousands of dollars, but does not have occasion to use the street was passed now may have to be remote that the cost of production around the world. It is recognized that this is a period of readjustment, and that a tariff law passed now may have to be remote that the cost of production around the world. not have occasion to use the street cars in its business.

Col. Junkersfeld then presented considerable testimony as to the rates

WASHINGTON, D. C., SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 1921-TWENTY-FOUR PAGES. BALL WILL HEAD COMMITTEE ON D. C.

Three Republicans Are New to Assignment Likely to Be Made.

Senator L. Heisler Ball of Delaware will head the Senate committee on the District of Columbia, according to the action of the republican committee on committees, it was learned to-

Official announcement of the assignments of republicans will not be made until after the lists have been subuntil after the lists have been submitted to the republican caucus of the Senate for its approval when Congress reassembles next month. In addition to Senator Ball, the republican members of the District committee, it is learned, will be Senators Dillingham of Vermont. Jones of Washington, Capper of Kansas, Elkins of West Virginia, Gooding of Idaho, Cameron of Arizona and Weller of Maryland.

Three of these senators are new to the committee and two of them. Senators Cameron and Weller, have just come to the Senate. The other new member, Senator Gooding, came into the Senate at the last session to take the place of Senator Nugent, who resigned.

Ball District's Friend.

Ball District's Friend. Big Reduction in Force Since

Senator Ball, the new chairman of the committee, has taken a keen interest in District affairs. His name is associated with the act creating the District rent commission. He was chairman of the subcommittee which investigated the high cost of living in the District. The Delaware senator is keenly in-

Senator Weller of Maryland is another friend of the District. He lived here for a number of years while in the government service, and is familiar with the problems of the capital.

justment warranted by the sluggish condition of railroad transportation and partially to the ordinary seasonal changes between winter and dealing with District matters. Plan to Increase.

In order to take care of all the in-coming republican senators as well as the old members, the committee will

the commission that the companies shall show a spirit of co-operation in endeavoring to get their operating and financing methods established upon the best basis possible.

EXPERT TELLS OF NEEDS.

with the leaning toward the higher estimate.

With the leaning toward the higher given the one vacancy which existed with the committee reduced to fifteen. If the proposed change in the rules increasing the committee to sixteen is adopted, Senator McCormick of Illinois will get the place.

The chairmanship of the committee of the comm

on agriculture goes to Senator Norris of Nebraska, the ranking member. There was some effort to have Senator Page of Vermont, now chairman of the naval affairs committee, transferred to the chairmanship of the agricultural committee, so that Senator Poindexter of Washington might become chairman of the naval affairs committee, but this was abandoned.

OCCUPATION OF STATIONS IS STEP IN REPARATIONS

New Mulheim and Speldorf Posts Command Approaches to Rhine and Are Held Necessary.

PARIS, March 19.—The occupation of the Mulheim and Speldorf railway stations in the Ruhr district of Germany by French troops was simply a further sten in the plan elected by the state of the prosecution of the war. Now it has the opportunity for constructive work along the line of PARIS, March 19 .- The occupation further step in the plan adopted by the London reparations conference, it was explained in official circles here

The stations command the approaches to the Rhine and their possession was necessary to make the allied occupation effective, it was DUESSELDORF, March 18 .- The oc-

cupation area has been extended from Duisburg to stations all along the railroad running from Duisberg to Essen to within two and a half miles of Essen. The central freight yard at Wedau, the largest in the Ruhr district, and Mulheim station are guarded by French troops. Duesseldorf is quiet.

NEW COMET DISCOVERED.

Stranger of Ninth Magnitude in Capricornus Constellation.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 19.—Discovery of a comet of the ninth magnitude was announced in a cablegram to the Harvard college observatory today.

It came from the Central Bureau of
Astronomical Telegrams at Brussels,

Today's News in Paragraphs

Reclassification sure to come up in next Uchida declares Japan will insist on Yap mandatory rights. Page 1 Bible inspires confession—Young Decker blames devil for murder. Page 1 President invited to church anniversary Battle develops from great ambush in County Cork. Page Auto show closes tonight; attendance is record. Estate tax exempt from income return Court of Claims rules. Scottish playlet at the Willard draws enthusiastic crowd. Page 4 Detroit Federation of Labor criticises Samuel Gompers for imputations re-garding suggested recognition of Rus-

Revision of treaty of Sevres success for French diplomacy. Page 4 North Idaho to launch campaign to create new state called Lincoln Fourteen thousand protest "horror Rhine" meeting in New York. Page 5 Nearly 6,000 anti-red refugees cross In telling of the plans for developing the power plant here, he said the plans been so worked out that it will be done in steps and can be an agricultural journal of wide in
Continued on Page 2, Column 3. Finnish frontier. hunting was good at 17th and L streets. Page 13



GOOD TILL

Appropriations Committee Already Outlining Bill to Be Presented Next Session.

Legislation reclassifying the emof the big supply measures for the government for the coming fiscal year, which are handled by that committee were disposed of before the close of the last session of Congress. The way is cleared for reclassification of government employes.

A considerable amount of work on reclassification has already been ac-complished in preparation for the committee's draft of the bill. Also

the committee has possession of the report of the joint congressional commission on reclassification and the extensive hearings, which were taken by that commission in 1919 and

In the regular sessions of Congress reclassification.

In the opinion of some of the mem-bers of the appropriations committee will not be necessary to hold

The report of the joint commission reclassification and the bill which The contention is that with so many classifications far more employes will be required, and in many in-stances there will be employes who

Simplify Classifications.

The senators are determined that the present system of granting horizontal bonuses to the employes shall cease, and that a scientific rearrangement of work and salaries shall take its place. The bonus system was adopted merely as an expedient to tide the government workers over the period of war emergency, when prices were soaring and the Congress too busy with war legislation to give attention to reclassification. The senators are determined that

MERCURY 85 IN OMAHA. OMAHA, Neb., March 18.—All weather records for March 18. in Omaha were broken today, when at

shot to death by a watchman, a house was bombed and a woman was house was bombed and a woman was killed in a mysterious explosion within an hour early today.

Two bandits attempted to break into the Adler Packing Company offices and one was shot to death by Carey Mason, negro watchman. Within a few minutes a terrific explosion set fire to a house in another part of the city and when firemen entered they found the body of Mrs. Frances Schirmer, sixty-five years old, stretched across a trunk.

In the negro district a bomb in-In the negro district a bomb injured two persons, shattered windows and otherwise damaged half a dozen

Aside Special Pew for Executive's Use.

President and Mrs. Harding were President and Mrs. Harding were invited today to attend the morning Lovett, the Decker boy has insisted that he had no part in the Lovett that he had no part in the Lovett lad's death. Almost constant quesservices at the First Baptist Church, 16th and O streets, tomorrow, on the occasion of the 119th anniversary of

the church, who called at the executive offices to extend the invitation the appropriations committee in the last two or three years has been greatly occupied with the regular supply bills for the government. ting aside of the pew, said afterward that the President's program for tomorrow has not been arranged, but
that he would be notified in time to
make the necessary arrangements in
the event the President and the program for tomake the necessary arrangements in
the property of the president and heard him quoting the Scriptures.

the event the President should find it possible to attend.

W. N. Doak of Roanoke, president of the National Brotherhood of Rail-road Trainmen, who ran for Congress last November against Representative James P. Woods, conferred with the President at noon today regarding the general labor situation as it affects the railroad men. When Mr. Doak called on Mr. Harding at Marion last summer he was invited to come to the White House soon after his inauguration to go over more fully the railroad situation, especially the legislative phase. Mr. Doak has been for several years the legislative rep-resentative of the railroad brother-beads at the Capital oods at the Capitol. The President was urged today by a delegation of Ohioans to appoint W. M. Burgess of Trenton, N. J., to mem-

bership on the United States tariff commission. In the delegation were J. B. MacDonald, W. H. Smith, jr., and T. A. McNichol, all members of the United States Potters' Association, of which Mr. Burgess is a mem-ber. They were introduced to the President by Louis Brush, a publisher of East Liverpool, Ohio. Mr. Burgess also has been recommended by Senators Frelinghuysen of New Jersey and

COMMISSIONER REAPPOINTED. Ethelbert Stewart, United States commissioner of labor statistics since the resignation of Dr. Royal Meeker last summer, has been reappointed as commissioner by President Harding, it was announced at the White House today. Mr. Stewart served as com-missioner of labor statistics under a recess appointment of former President Wilson. His appointment was not acted on by the Senate, and his term lapsed March 4.

"A Day With President Harding"

Young Decker, 18, Says Devil **Prompted Killing ot** Leroy Lovett.

chummed. Decker signed the confession early today in the presence of Mrs. Moon, her husband, three detectives and two Warsaw citizens.

tioning by officers failed to bring any admissions from him except he had admissions from him except he had the church. A special pew for the spent some time Friday and Saturday, March 11 and 12, with Lovett. Yester-day he received in a letter from Mrs. George Walker of Nappanee, a woman wholly unknown to him, a deeply religious appeal that he "confess every thing to the man you have berned". thing to the man you have harmed, and imploring him to "lean on Jesus."

Finds Comfort in Bible.

"Did you find something to comfort you?" she asked. The boy said he had found some thing very comforting. "Are you familiar with the Bible?" asked Mrs. Moon.

Decker replied he could recite many passages of Scripture, and he told her of earlier days when he attended hurch regularly. "My favorite verse is John, chap-ter 3, verse 16," said he, and quoted, "'For God so loved the world that He

tell all." declared the boy

morning in a summer cottage on the Tippecanoe river with an attack on the Lovett boy. The story was later repeated in the presence of Sheriff Moon and others and incorporated in the signed confession.

No motive for the attack was given, except the brief statement that "the devil told me to do it and I just did it."

Story of Attack.

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States was spreading to other states that the California, which, he deviloude to the fact clared, was probably due to the fact that the California agitators were communicating with persons similarly disposed in other states, thus fanning with persons similarly disposed in other states, thus fanning and Portugal, who has arrived

The attack, with a heavy iron bar, was made, according to the confesion given out by the officers, shortly

hart, father of Leroy Lovett, and members of the Decker family.

With the confession given by Virgil Decker, declaring that he was the only one implicated in the mystery of the Lovett lad's death, authorities are now endeavoring to establish a more definite motive than that ascribed by the boy—"that the devil told me to do it."

According to Mrs. Moon, the boy in his talk with her denied that there was an insurance plot to obtain never

CHICAGO, March 19.—A bandit was shot to death by a watchman, a ADMITS HE SLEW

By the Associated Press.

WARSAW, Ind., March 19,—Memories

Legislation reclassifying the employes of the government and making a fairer distribution of work and pay is to be put through at the coming session of the new Congress, according to Senator Curtis of Kansas, republican whip of the Senate and a member of the appropriations committee now charged with the work of drafting the reclassification bill.

The Kansas senator pointed out today that the appropriations committee has cleared the decks, so far as the shocking admanded half a dozen by the fact that he will be said seek forgiveness, combined with the work of the sheriff of Kosciusko county, have resulted in a confession from Virgil Decker, eighteen years old, in the initiative must come from the United States.

That this is indeed the real character of M. Viviani's mission is at the three will be entirely unaccompanied by technical character of the virgil probable that the bentirely unaccompanied by technical character of the virgil or confession of the Prench would entirely unaccompanied by technical character of the virgil stances, who, under different circumstance of motherly advice given by Mrs. C. B. Moon, wife of the sheriff of Kosciusko county, have resulted in a confession from Virgil Decker, eighteen years old, in Wilch he declares that he alone was responsible for the death of Leroy Lovett, a nineteen-year-old yout of Elkhart, Ind., with whom he had character of M. Viviani's mission is attent the will be the United States.

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Since his arrest Tuesday at Marion,

During his incarceration Mrs. Moor

gave His only begotten Son that the whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."
"Isn't that good?" he shputed. "It makes me feel better already."
"But, Virgil, if you keep on telling count Uchida, the foreign minister.
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He then gave a complete account of his trip from Elkhart, Ind., with

Ex-Kaiser's Meddling in International Affairs Stirs Dutch

Cable to The Star and Chicago Daily News. Copyright, 1921. AMSTERDAM, Holland, March 19.—Dutch newspapers express indignation over the fact that the ex-German emperor is permitted to abuse the right of asylum by meddling with international policies. Het Volk points out that the former kalser is engaged in something else than merely cutting down else than merely cutting down trees at Doorn.

The paper says that Wilhelm, who charged his "court marshal" with the duty of forwarding the brochure to his confidentes in Germany, still fancies himself a monarch surrounded by his court, and is busy with propaganda for the old monarchical ideas. Het Volk adds that the ex-kaiser is still a else than merely cutting down

old monnrchical ideas. Het Volk adds that the ex-kaiser is still a dangerous person, and declares that his presence within Holland constitutes a menace to Dutch political relations with the allies, particularly in view of the growth of the monarchical movement in Germany in the last few months. LEAGUE OF NATIONS ISSUE SURE TO GET TO THE FORE

VIVIANI WILL AVOID MENTION OF DEBT

Neither Will French Envoy Talk Politics Unless U. S. **Brings Up Subject.** 

BY PAUL SCOTT MOWRER. Cable to The Star and Chicago Daily News Copyright, 1921.

PARIS, March 19.-The report that

Rene Viviani, who sails for New York the French government's congratulations to President Harding and with ascertaining, as far as possible, Harding's foreign policy. If, in addition, he engages in any political conversa-tion the initiative must come from

ment possible. France, therefore, is that Germany will pay France and, second that France will duly pay Britain and the United States.

If for any reason the German indemnities should not be forthcoming, then the material situation as regards.

demnities should not be forthcoming, then the material situation as regards France's debt to the United States would also naturally be changed. Meanwhile it is taken for granted here that the United States, having a strong if indirect interest in doing so, will naturally incline more and more to support the allied claims more to support the allied claims are instituted for the support that the support the allied claims was sent back to the White House by the Senate this personage has held are in the support that the support the support the support that the support against Germany, even apart from the high moral issue which the French consider to be no less compelling now to again take cognizance of the Verthan during the war.

JAPAN TO INSIST ON HOLDING YAP RIGHTS

Uchida Says Interests Will Be Insisted On-Raps J. F. Stevens and U. S. Agitation.

land of Yap, in the south Pacific, Vis- dition created by Germany similar to lies, don't you know that you will declared at a meeting of the budget only make your case worse?" sug-committee of the diet today in reply gested Mrs. Moon. committee of the diet today in reply JAPAN READY TO FOLLOW "Yes, I know it, but I have made my peace with God and I'm ready to jiro Uehara. The latter asked whether the attitude of Great Britain and the council of the league of nations Leroy Lovett, which started Friday and that of the United States regarding to the confession, ended Saturday ests, and also whether Japan intended Be Welcomed, But Proposals

anti-Japanese feeling. Raps John F. Stevens.

He also charged John F. Stevens of Chicago, head of the American rail-

Mr. Stewart was sworn into office yesterday afternoon by Samuel J. Gompers, chief clerk of the Department of Labor, and immediately took up his duties as commissioner.

There he released the horse, leaving the buggy with Lovett seated in it unconscious, expecting that a train would come along, demolish the buggy similar to those adopted in California, would come along, demolish the buggy similar to those adopted in California. The foreign minister asserted that the trade agreement between Great the trade agreement the trade ag would come along, demolish the buggy and leave a body so bad!y mangled that identification would be impossible except by bits of clothing. These bits would be those of the Decker boy's clothing, and he planned to disappear, leaving the impression that he had met his death in the accident.

The buggy was hit by a slow freight train, however, and the body tossed aside and not mutilated. Later it was claimed by both Samuel Lovett of Elkhart, father of Leroy Lovett, and members of the Decker family.

kept in touch with the soviets, but it might be necessary to map out a policy conforming to that of other countries. He believed the Moscow and Chita soviet governments should be

TWO CENTS.

SENATE MUST FACE REOPENING DEBATE ON PEACE TREATY

Party Pledges and Foreign Pressure Will Force Decision on Versailles Pact.

Covenant So Bound With Treaty It Could Not Be Avoided in End-

ing State of War.

BY N. O. MESSENGER.

While a faction of senators bittery deprecate reopening the subject of the league of nations, they are aware that the administration is confronted by a condition and not a theory regarding the Versailles treaty, and the declaration of a state of peace with Germany which involves collateral discussion of the

Here are some of the hard, cold facts which the administration will face when the international situation is brought up on the arrival of M Viviani:

That the party in power is pledged to an early peace with Ger-Rene Viviani, who sails for New York today, will take up with the new administration the question of France's debt to the United States is vigorously denied by the ministry of foreign affairs. The truth is exactly as was cabled to The Star last week. M. Viviani's mission is first one of courtesy and second one of information. He is charged with presenting the French government's congratulation. ted or modified by the Senate.
That France will argue with greater earnestness the necessity, from her viewpoint, of the United States lend-

ing its moral strength to the press-ure being exerted on Germany, by the United States becoming in some way, however modified, a party to the Versailles treaty.

fronted with the issue of the league of Domestic Questions First? The present determination of the administration is to urge upon Congress attention to domestic questions first. But M. Viviani is on the high first. But M. Viviani is on seas and when he reaches Washington it is held that while Congress attending to its domestic knitting the administration will have to give tice to the questions which the French statesman is bringing over

for presentation to President Harding's notice. Senator Harry S. New of Indiana, affiliated with the irreconcilables, still contends that it will, be practicable to declare a separate peace with Germany, and "take the curse" off such action by adding the declaration which was contained in the original Knox resolution, of the willingness and intention of this country again to take part, by force of arms, in a con-

U. S. DISARMAMENT LEAD

here on the liner Suwa Maru.
"It is generally recognized that the
United States must take the initiative sion given out by the officers, shortly before noon Saturday and was not fatal, but, fearing the consequences that might result from this assault, the confession revealed, the most acted on by the Senate, and his term lapsed March 4.

Mr. Stewart was sworn into office yesterday afternoon by Samuel J. Gompers, chief clerk of the Department of Labor, and immediately took up his duties as commissioner.

He also charged John F. Stevens of Chicago, head of the American rail-way mission in Siberia, with carrying that consequences that might result from this assault, the confession revealed, that might result from this assault, the confession revealed, that might result from this assault, the confession revealed, that might result from this assault, the confession revealed, that might result from this assault, the confession revealed, that might result from this assault, the confession revealed, that might result from this assault, the confession revealed, that might result from this assault, the confession revealed, that might result from this assault, the confession revealed, that might result from this assault, the confession revealed, that might result from this assault, the confession in Siberia, with carrying can an anti-Japanese movement as a result of the clashing of his views with those of the Japanese army in Siberia.

Viscount Uchida replied that he knew nothing of the allegations adjunct the decision of the Hood class. He said that Japan against Mr. Stevens, but said the government was adopting every possible means to prevent the passage of laws mothed that he knew nothing of the allegations adjunct the confession in Siberia, with carrying that the confession in Siberia, way mission in Siberia, way m about a reduction in naval expenditures. Count Hirosawa is accompanied by H. Hateyma, professor of law at Tokio University, Japanese member of the commission on amendments to

the covenant of the league of nations. who is on his way to Geneva

TWO HELD IN MURDERS. Farmer Called to Door and Shot. Taxi Driver Killed in Auto.

NASHVILLE, March 19 .- Two ne-

Decker, declaring that he was the only one implicated in the mystery of the Lovett lad's death, authorities are now endeavoring to establish a more definite motive than that ascribed by the boy—"that the devil told me to do it." According to Mrs. Moon, the boy in its talk with her denied that there was an insurance plot to obtain payments of policies aggregating \$24,000 in event of his accidental death.

EXPERTS AWAIT U. S. ORDERS

Roland W. Bowden and his start of experts, comprising the unofficial American delegation to the reparations commission at Paris, have been ordered to remain there and await instructions. Mr. Boyden will keep in touch informally with the language newspaper here, says.

He believed the Moscow and Chita soviet governments should be dealt with separately.

Ten members of the house of representatives will visit America this start of the sentatives will visit America this start of the sentatives will visit America this start of county, early yesterday.

HARA MINISTRY UPHELD.

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## **Daniels Tells Denby**

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The Potomac Electric Power Company will have to spend \$6,000,000 in the next ten years in adding to its plant, in order to keep pace with the good condition. The maintenance of the city recording to testing the condition of the city recording to testing the condition.

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President Harding and his cabinet have determined, after a long discussion of the agricultural situation throughout the country, to study spe-First: The use of war powers of the executive to embargo importations of wool, meats, cotton and other prod-ucts which are coming into the United States in such quantities, at present, as to keep prices from rising to the pre-war normals, below which they Second: The most extensive use of the War Finance Corporation to

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day.

you had," Secretary Denby replied. Mr. Daniels will spend several

Four hundred of the 2,500 employes of the Washington Terminal Company have been "laid off" since the 1st of March, effecting a saving of between \$85,000 and \$95,000 per Terminal Company have been solution of the street railway problem. He is a strong believer in a merger of the street car line.

BY DAVID LAWRENCE.

## WAY CLEARED FOR

Committee's First Chance.

futher hearings, or, if hearings are held, they will be brief and will deal with special matters upon which the committee finds it requires further information. it drafted has been criticised by some of the legislators on the ground that it makes far too many classi-fications, and that it prevents various classes of employes from doing work of which they are perfectly capable and which is closely allied to the work of their classification.

have scarcely an hour or two of work to do daily, with the rest of the time waiting around for something to do. It is expected, therefore, that the

5 o'clock, the mercury ascended to 85 degrees.

Read this interesting article of how the new Presi-

in the Magazine Section of Tomorrow's Star

And watch for these big fiction features:

dent spends his time from break of day to late at night.

W. Lardner. "That Tracey Giles Party," by Sewell Ford. Another gripping "Wang Foo" story by Sydney C.

"Own Your Own Home," a full-length story by Ring

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"Home Grown," one of Fannie Hurst's famous yarns.